

Applic. No. 10/694,613
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Drawing Amendments

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1. This sheet which includes Fig. 1, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1. In Fig. 1, reference symbol 4.3 was changed to 24.3.

Please approve the drawing changes that are marked in red on the accompanying "Annotated Sheet Showing Changes" of Fig 1. A formal "Replacement Sheet" of amended Fig. 1 is also enclosed.

Attachments: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

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Remarks/Arguments:

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1, 2, 6-9, 11, and 12 remain in the application.

Claims 1, 6, 7, 11, and 12 have been amended. Claims 3-5 and 10 are being cancelled herewith.

In the second paragraph on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, claims 1, 2, and 12 have been rejected as being fully anticipated by Spiegel et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,011,125) (hereinafter "Spiegel") under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

In the second paragraph on page 3 of the Office action, claims 1-4 have been rejected as being obvious over Norton (U.S. Patent No. 3,861,672) in view of Spiegel (U.S. Patent No. 5,011,125) under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

It is appreciatively noted from page 3 of the Office action that claims 5-11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 5 and intervening claim 3. Therefore, claim 1 is allowable. Since claim 1 is allowable, dependent claim 2 is allowable as well.

Claim 12 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 10. Therefore, claim 12 is allowable as well.

Since only allowable claims remain, the early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is solicited herewith.

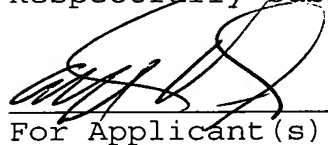
In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel respectfully requests a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

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Please charge any other fees which might be due with respect
to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner
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